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SUBJ: PRAVDA SUPPORTS PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTICIPATION  
IN GOVERNMENT

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1. PRAVDA ON AUGUST 9 INDICATES RENEWED SOVIET SUPPORT FOR  
A BROADLY-BASED LEFTIST COALITION IN PORTUGAL. THE NEWSPAPER,  
REPORTING ON A MEETING AUGUST 7 AND 8 BETWEEN CPSU SECRETARIES  
KIRILENKO AND PONOMAREV AND AN ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY DELEGATION  
CONSISTING OF D.C. PAINETTA, A. NATTA, AND D. CERVETTI (ALL  
PHONETIC), SAYS THAT DURING AN EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS ON THE  
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SITUATION IN PORTUGAL BOTH SIDES "ADVOCATED UNITY OF ACTION BY

THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT, COMMUNISTS, SOCIALISTS, AND ALL  
LEFT-PROGRESSIVE FORCES SUPPORTING THE STRENGTHENING OF THE  
ANTIFASCIST, DEMOCRATIC REGIME..."

2. COMMENT: WHILE THE SOVIETS HAVE NEVER OFFICIALLY BACKED  
OFF FROM THEIR ORIGINAL SUPPORT FOR A UNITED FRONT IN PORTUGAL,  
THEIR MEDIA IN PAST WEEKS HAS STRONGLY ATTACKED THE SOCIALISTS.  
THIS NEW AFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT FOR A BROAD UNITED FRONT  
UNDOUBTEDLY STEMS FROM INCREASING SOVIET CONCERN THAT THE PCP  
WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STAND IN COMPLETE ISOLATION FROM THE REST  
OF THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM AND MAY THUS BE EXCESSIVELY VULNERABLE  
IF THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE AND THE  
AFM ITSELF TURNS AGAINST IT.  
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